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SALES TO CHILE

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FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. YOU MAY INFORM GENERAL PINOCHET THAT THE ISSUES HE
RAISED WITH YOU ON JUNE 30 ARE BEING REVIEWED WITHIN THE
APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES ON AN URGENT BASIS. WE FULLY
UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE FRUSTRATION WHICH THE CHILEAN
MILITARY FEEL ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN
CONSTRAINED BY SERIOUS LEGAL AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS
WHICH HAVE GREATLY COMPLICATED OUR DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL.
WE ARE NOW IN A CONTINUING RESOLUTION SITUATION WITH THE
FAA WHICH REQUIRES A NEW LOOK AT THE OVERALL ISSUE OF

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MILITARY SALES TO CHILE. YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THAT REVIEW

DURING YOUR FORTHCOMING CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON IS ESSENTIAL. UPON YOUR RETURN TO SANTIAGO, I.E., WITHIN THE 30 DAYS STIPULATED BY GENERAL PINOCHET, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS THEY HAVE RAISED.

2. YOU MAY ALSO ASSURE GENERAL PINOCHET THAT THERE IS

AND HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO INTENT ON THE PART OF ANY USG AGENCY TO SLIGHT GENERAL MORELL IN ANY WAY OR TO AVOID A DISCUSSION OF THE MILITARY SALES ISSUES WHICH HE OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MAY HAVE WISHED TO RAISE WITH US.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION CONCERNING THE CHILEAN'S USE OF FY 1971-74 FMS CREDITS, THE USG POSITION ON THIS MATTER IS STATED IN PARA 2C OF SECDEF MESSAGE 2742 (DTG 272352Z DECEMBER 1974), SUBJECT: MILITARY AID TO CHILE. USMILGP AND EMBASSY WERE ADDRESSEES. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THIS POSITION. SISCO

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